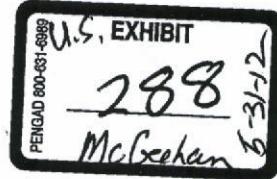
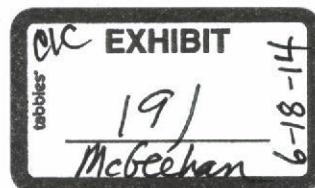


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1 JOHN WOODS: Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Ann McGeehan, the  
3 Elections Division of the Secretary of State,  
4 testifying neutral on Committee Substitute to Senate  
5 Bill 14.

6 ANN MCGEEHAN: Good afternoon. Ann  
7 McGeehan with the Office of the Texas Secretary of  
8 State.

9 CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Questions, Members?  
10 I think Mr. Veasey has questions.

11 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: I -- I --  
12 I -- I'm sorry. Let me turn on the microphone. I  
13 do have questions for you.

14 I was concerned about the fiscal note.  
15 Can you talk a little bit about the fiscal note that  
16 you all came up with? Because other smaller states,  
17 states that are significantly smaller with -- than  
18 ours, with a lot less television markets, came up  
19 with much higher figures than you did. So that --  
20 that number sort of startled me a little bit.

21 ANN MCGEEHAN: Sure. Yeah. I would  
22 be happy to explain how we arrived at that figure.

23 Since the Help America Vote Act passed at  
24 the federal level in 2002, the states have been  
25 given some funds for voter education. So the



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1           Secretary of State's office has done a statewide  
 2           voter education effort in 2006, eight and ten. And  
 3           the average cost for those statewide voter education  
 4           efforts has been 2.5 million dollars. So I can tell  
 5           you that for the 2010 cycle what we did was we spent  
 6           \$2.5 million, and it included upgrades to our  
 7           website. We created a new website called  
 8           VoteTX.org, or actually redesigned it. It had been  
 9           created previously. We did traditional advertising  
 10          in television, did some PSAs in television, radio  
 11          newspaper, experimented a little bit on the Internet  
 12          with FaceBook and Twitter, and also did some ads on  
 13          public transportation.

14           We did seven telethons in -- in the  
 15          Valley, Austin, Dallas and Houston, four on Spanish  
 16          T.V. stations and three on English. And then we  
 17          also did a face-to-face outreach where we traveled  
 18          to 23 cities around the State and interacted  
 19          personally with more than 15,000 Texans. So that's  
 20          what -- that's kind of the model of what we've done.

21           So when we were asked to prepare a fiscal  
 22          note, we looked at our past voter education efforts.  
 23          We also looked at in 2009, when the Senate passed a  
 24          voter I.D. bill that contained, I think, almost the  
 25          same language as what's in the current Committee



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1       Substitute, Senate Finance put a rider on the bill  
2       for \$2 million, which to us indicated that that at  
3       least -- at least on the Senate side, that's what  
4       they thought was appropriate for the voter education  
5       program.

6                   REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: What was --  
7       what was their methodology? I'm sorry --

8                   ANN MCGEEHAN: The Senate's?

9                   REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: -- for  
10      arriving at that figure?

11                  ANN MCGEEHAN: I don't know.

12                  REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Did they --  
13      did they share any with you?

14                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Not with me.

15                  REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: The -- it's  
16      just a number they -- they put out there?

17                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes, I don't know how  
18      they arrived at that number.

19                  REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Okay. Yeah.  
20      Because I -- in Missouri it looks like the bill cost  
21      a lot more than in Texas, and they have -- you know,  
22      their biggest market was No. 20th. And of course  
23      Dallas/Fort Worth is No. 5, and Houston is No. 7,  
24      San Antonio, 30, Austin, 42, El Paso, 46. How --  
25      how many -- how many television ads in the Metroplex

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1 could you buy with \$750,000?

2 ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, I know in  
3 two-point -- I'm sorry, in 2010 we spent 1.8 million  
4 just on purchasing the advertising.

5 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Okay.

6 ANN MCGEEHAN: So I'm sure we could  
7 get you the breakdown to show how much in each media  
8 market, but the bulk was spent on purchasing the  
9 advertising.

10 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Purchasing  
11 all forms of advertising?

12 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yeah. That included  
13 T.V., radio --

14 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Yeah.

15 ANN MCGEEHAN: -- and newspaper.

16 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Do you know  
17 how many spots you all were running like in the  
18 Metroplex?

19 ANN MCGEEHAN: We can get you the  
20 detail on that, because I know the company we  
21 contracted with I think gave us a detailed report of  
22 exactly where it was aired and if we got any  
23 earned -- earned media, things like that. We can  
24 get you that.

25 REPRESENTATIVE VEASEY: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Representative  
2 Anchia.

3 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Mr. Chairman,  
4 I wanted to dovetail on a question -- the line of  
5 questioning of Representative Veasey.

6 Again, Missouri had a two-year,  
7 \$9.5 million estimate for their voter I.D. bill in  
8 2006, including the cost of free I.D.s, poll worker  
9 training and the production of -- of voter education  
10 material. Missouri is a state one-fourth the size  
11 of Texas. Wisconsin, that has a population less  
12 than one-point -- 5.6 million people, less than  
13 one-fourth the size of the State of Texas, had an  
14 annual fiscal note on their bill of 2.3 million. So  
15 biannual, it would be 4.6 in lost revenue due to the  
16 provision of free I.D.s.

17 Maryland has a population of 5.6 million  
18 where they provide free I.D.s only in limited  
19 circumstances, projecting a \$1.6 million annual  
20 fiscal note. In 2010, Indiana, which was later --  
21 which was after -- after the initial passage of the  
22 bill, which was required to provide free I.D.s, they  
23 have a population of 6.4 million, about a quarter of  
24 the size of the State of Texas. They spent 1.3  
25 million to provide free I.D.s.

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1                   In that \$2 million figure, do you have  
2       any -- do you have any -- any data on the provision  
3       of free I.D.s, or is it exclusively your marketing  
4       budget?

5                   ANN MCGEEHAN: 2 million was  
6       exclusively for the voter education effort.

7                   UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

8                   ANN MCGEEHAN: And as far as the  
9       other states and -- like Missouri, I know that we --  
10      we tried to get a little information, because  
11      Senator Gallegos asked that question at the Senate  
12      hearing.

13                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Right.

14                  ANN MCGEEHAN: And one thing that was  
15       different about their bill, which I think was later  
16       struck down -- I don't think they ever implemented  
17       the 2006 legislation --

18                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Uh-huh.

19                  ANN MCGEEHAN: -- was that they were  
20       actually having to install equipment throughout the  
21       State to issue photo I.D.s for purposes of the  
22       legislation, which is not in this bill.

23                  So I -- I don't know about Wisconsin and  
24       Maryland. You know, each -- it depends on what the  
25       bill says.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: I'll  
2 talk a little bit about the media markets in  
3 Missouri. St. Louis and Kansas City are the two  
4 largest. They spent significantly more in  
5 marketing. You're basing -- same -- same thing with  
6 other states.

You're -- you're -- you're basing your  
estimate on T.V. commercials, print and I guess some  
radio, \$300,000 worth of radio on a -- an estimate  
that -- of last year's expenditure, I guess, or a  
prior year's expenditure with a significant change  
if this bill passed. Would you agree it's a pretty  
significant change to current law?

14 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

16       Do you think -- do you think that the same -- the  
17       same budget that you would use last time around with  
18       no significant change in state law would be  
19       appropriate for a voter education program with a  
20       significant change in state law?

21                           ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, it's -- and I'll  
22 try to state this clearly, because I don't know that  
23 I explained it so well on the Senate side. But we  
24 do have plans, I guess, to have continuing voter  
25 education programs, because we still have HABA



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1 funds. So when we were asked to prepare this fiscal  
2 note, we were assuming we're going to continue to do  
3 our statewide education effort. So we looked at how  
4 do we weave in the new voter I.D. requirements into  
5 a statewide voter education program. So I can't  
6 tell you exactly what that's going to end up being,  
7 but if we're just asked for purposes of this fiscal  
8 note to say what does it cost to educate on voter  
9 I.D., that was our best guess, because we -- we will  
10 integrate it with, you know, whatever voter  
11 education program we do for 2012. So if we do  
12 2.5 million effort in 2012, you know, some of that  
13 will cover voter education, maybe will go to a  
14 little higher than that. But I guess the point is  
15 we have federal dollars to educate voters on the  
16 process to vote and get registered. And so we will  
17 incorporate and enhance it to include education on  
18 the new voter I.D. requirements.

19 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: And  
20 would that -- would that education occur over a  
21 year, two years? Would it be ongoing? The bill --  
22 the bill doesn't specify. What's -- what's your  
23 view and what do the HABA dollars come in?

24 ANN MCGEEHAN: The -- the bill I  
25 think says that we have to start preparing the

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1 training and the voter education as soon as  
2 possible. Our fiscal note assumes that it would  
3 just be for one cycle, so I think we put it all for  
4 the 2012 fiscal year.

5 We have \$7 million left in the State  
6 Treasury that's earmarked for voter education and  
7 poll worker training, election official training.

8 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Those  
9 are HABA funds?

10 ANN MCGEEHAN: Those are the HABA  
11 funds, and they don't expire. I don't think the  
12 federal government can take them back, but we are  
13 hearing that they're not -- they don't have any  
14 plans to issue any more funds. So, essentially,  
15 that's all we've got.

16 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: In the  
17 new -- on the significant change in legislation for  
18 one election cycle, essentially for the 2012  
19 election cycle?

20 ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, based on the  
21 language that's in the bill.

22 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Based  
23 on language that's in the bill?

24 ANN MCGEEHAN: Right.

25 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

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1 How -- for major changes in legislation -- well, let  
2 me back up a step.

3 What's your evaluation of poll worker  
4 training currently in the -- in the counties?

5 ANN MCGEEHAN: In the counties? I  
6 think that there are a variety of tools counties can  
7 use to educate poll workers. We -- with our HABA  
8 dollars, we created an online poll worker training  
9 that's free for all counties to use. Some counties  
10 have used their HABA funds to create their own  
11 specific online training. Most counties do some  
12 form of in-person training, where they require  
13 workers to come in, you know, see the machines,  
14 learn how to operate the machines. We, the  
15 Secretary of State's office, has a 30-minute video  
16 that we do, and we update usually every two years.  
17 That's also free of charge. So there's some  
18 different ways.

19 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: You  
20 answered a different question, though.

21 ANN MCGEEHAN: Oh.

22 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: You  
23 answered what resources are available, which I  
24 appreciate. But what's your -- what's your  
25 assessment of the quality of poll worker training?

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1           And I know it's difficult to get poll workers.

2           There's turnover frequently. We pay them very  
3           little. I believe that they're volunteers.

4                 When you have a -- a change in the  
5                 Election Code, just a minor change, by way of  
6                 example, it doesn't immediately filter down to all  
7                 poll workers, does it? I mean, ensuring practice  
8                 and implementation, it's something that takes time?

9                     ANN MCGEEHAN: Sure.

10                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Isn't  
11                 that right?

12                  ANN MCGEEHAN: That's right.

13                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: I mean,  
14                 because I hear from poll workers all the time and,  
15                 you know, they didn't know the law had changed. I  
16                 tried to do some continuing education myself, having  
17                 sat on the Elections Committee in the past, to bring  
18                 people up to speed. And I'm always very impressed  
19                 at how earnest the poll workers are, but also  
20                 sometimes very surprised -- you know, they're not  
21                 Election Code experts and it does take some time for  
22                 changes in the Election Code to filter down to them.

23                  For a change of this magnitude, do you  
24                 think it will take some time for folks to be aware  
25                 of the law?



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1                   ANN MCGEEHAN: I think it will take  
2                   some time. I think the bill has some very strict  
3                   requirements in there, though, that requires all  
4                   judges and clerks to take the Secretary of  
5                   State-prescribed training. So it -- it sounds to me  
6                   like it's a mandate that they have to take that  
7                   training, whereas right now in many elections it's  
8                   optional.

9                   UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: How  
10                  much is that going to cost for everybody to take the  
11                  training?

12                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Our plans will be to  
13                  update our video and to update the online training.  
14                  So that would be two free for, you know, counties to  
15                  use and for citizens to use on top of whatever the  
16                  counties may be using, as well.

17                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Do you  
18                  think with a mandate like that, would that mandate  
19                  be satisfied by watching the video?

20                  ANN MCGEEHAN: I think it could be.  
21                  Currently, that is used for poll worker training.

22                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Uh-huh.  
23                  So that would be enough?

24                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Unless the statute is  
25                  changed. But as currently written, I think that

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1           would satisfy the bill.

2           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

3           Does it surprise you that people -- that poll  
4           workers are already asking for photo I.D. despite  
5           the training that occurs? Does that surprise you?

6           ANN MCGEEHAN: We have heard that  
7           before, yes.

8           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Quite a  
9           bit. Even in the district that I represent we've  
10          got folks that are asking for photo I.D. currently.

11          A lot of people have been talking about a  
12          600,000 registered voter figure. These people --  
13          these are people who apparently registered without  
14          using some form -- either their Social Security  
15          number or a -- a driver's license number.

16          Isn't the use even bigger than that? I  
17          mean, I see a figure here that for people who did  
18          not register without a driver's license number --  
19          pardon me, for people who registered without their  
20          driver's license ensuring the figure is more like  
21          2.8 million.

22          ANN MCGEEHAN: That's true when you  
23          look at the entire voter database.

24          UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: This is  
25          your HABA-compliant database.

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1                   ANN MCGEEHAN: Right. But, you know,  
2 prior to January 1, 2006, you could register to vote  
3 without providing your driver's license or Social  
4 Security number. So people that were registered  
5 before 2006 may not have provided one of those.  
6 That doesn't necessarily mean that they don't have  
7 one, but they didn't have to provide one to get  
8 registered to vote.

9                   UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Well,  
10 we don't know whether they did or not, because it  
11 wasn't listed. Correct?

12                  Have you all done a match to determine  
13 with the driver's license file as to whether these  
14 folks have driver's licenses or not?

15                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Uh-huh. We've been  
16 asked to do that and we're looking at this to make  
17 sure that -- looking at the official list of voters  
18 in the Secretary of State's office, trying to  
19 compare that to DPS. And our IT Department is  
20 looking at that, trying to get good matching  
21 criteria, because without that unique identifying  
22 number of the TDL, it can be sometimes difficult to  
23 make sure you have the right match.

24                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE:  
25 Somebody came up and said there was 600 -- you have

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1           that \$600,000 person figure. Where does that come  
2           from? Do you have a frame of reference for that  
3           figure that there were 600,000 people who did not  
4           list after [sic] driver's license number or Social  
5           Security number?

6           ANN MCGEEHAN: I think they're all  
7           coming from the same place, which that is -- and  
8           I -- you know, when we have shared information with  
9           the Legislature before, we've sort of shared two  
10          sets of information. One is -- that shows how many  
11          people have stated they don't have a TDL number or  
12          SSN number since January 1, because since --  
13          January 1, 2006, because since January 1, 2006, it's  
14          been required. So since that time, we show 34,506  
15          voters out of almost 4 million that stated they did  
16          not have I.D.

17           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Since  
18          2006?

19           ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes.

20           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: And is  
21          there -- is there a provision -- provision in this  
22          bill to identify that use of voters as possibly not  
23          having I.D.?

24           ANN MCGEEHAN: I'm sorry. I didn't  
25          understand.

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1                   UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: So, I  
2 mean, if you're looking at possible uses of voters  
3 that may not have the requisite I.D. to comply with  
4 this bill, is there anything in the bill that would  
5 require you to identify those folks, seek them out,  
6 determine whether they have I.D. or not?

7                   ANN MCGEEHAN: No, I don't believe  
8 so.

9                   CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Okay. Let's  
10 talk -- we talked, I know, briefly about training of  
11 poll workers.

12                  Under this bill, what new duties will poll  
13 workers perform, what new duties?

14                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Let's see. Of course,  
15 the qualification process will change as far as what  
16 they will, you know, require of a voter before  
17 they're permitted to vote. I can't really think of  
18 any new. They -- if a voter doesn't have I.D.  
19 today, they vote provisionally. So that will be the  
20 same.

21                  I guess the main change will be voters  
22 that have filed a disability exemption with the  
23 Voter Registrar. Those voters aren't going to have  
24 to show I.D.

25                  A voter who is 70 years of age or

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1 before January 2012 won't have to show I.D. So  
2 those will be some new decisions they'll have to  
3 make.

4 UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Talk to  
5 me about how you would administer those two  
6 exceptions, the disability and the age?

7 ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, we're going to  
8 have to come up with detailed training. So I  
9 don't -- I don't -- I can't tell you exactly how  
10 that's going to work. You know, we'll try to be  
11 very thoughtful about that and look to other states  
12 for best practices. But we'll have to revise our  
13 handbooks, all our training, our online training,  
14 video, to include guidance for the poll workers on  
15 how to handle those new duties.

16 CHAIRMAN BONNEN: With respect to the  
17 disability exemption, is there a document that the  
18 person would put on file to receive that type of  
19 exemption?

20 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes. The -- the  
21 Committee Substitute -- and that document would be  
22 filed with the Voter Registrar, not with the -- not  
23 at the polling place. And it allows written  
24 documentation from the United States Social Security  
25 Administration that evidence that the voter has a

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1           disability or written documentation from the United  
2           States Department of Veterans Affairs.

3           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: So  
4           those are the only two ways to get the exemption?

5           ANN MCGEEHAN: Correct.

6           UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.  
7           Okay.

8           CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Representative  
9           (inaudible).

10          UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah,  
11          yeah.

12          CHAIRMAN BONNEN: I was going to  
13          allow Members of the Committee to ask questions.  
14          And I see two of them have their lights on and have  
15          for some time. So, I mean, if you have more  
16          questions, I'll come back to you, but I'd like to  
17          let the Members of the Committee go ahead.

18          Representative Harless.

19          REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Hi. How are  
20          you?

21          ANN MCGEEHAN: I'm good. Thank you.

22          REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Could you  
23          tell us a little bit about the ongoing training that  
24          the Secretary of State does as a part of their job  
25          anyway?

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1                   ANN MCGEEHAN: We -- we have several  
2 formats of training. We have had a 30-minute video  
3 that we've had probably since the late '80s. And we  
4 update that regularly, usually after a Legislative  
5 session. We have detailed handbooks that are to be  
6 used inside polling places. We have now an online  
7 voter -- online training process, and we also do  
8 schools and seminars. So we have an annual seminar  
9 every summer for county officials.

10                  REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: This is --  
11 this is something that you continue to do every  
12 year --

13                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes.

14                  REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: -- as part  
15 your budget?

16                  Can you tell me -- we've talked a lot  
17 about the Help America Vote Act fund. How much  
18 money was that originally?

19                  ANN MCGEEHAN: I have my note on that  
20 somewhere. Well, I think overall we've received  
21 total for all the mandates in HAVA about  
22 \$200 million and -- okay. I -- I found it now. I'm  
23 sorry. \$227 million dollars.

24                  REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: And how much  
25 of that money have we spent?

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1                   ANN MCGEEHAN: We have spent about 80  
2 percent of that money. What is remaining now is  
3 about \$47 million.

4                   REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: And how much  
5 money in the base budget that we received in the  
6 House under the Secretary of State was in that base  
7 budget appropriated for HABA money for federal  
8 election training?

9                   ANN MCGEEHAN: I -- I believe in  
10 House Bill 1 -- I don't think it's broken down by  
11 purpose areas within HABA, but I think overall it  
12 was about \$37 million or --

13                  REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: 43, maybe?  
14 It says under B1.4, "Strategy, elections  
15 improvement, administration of federal Help America  
16 Act -- Vote Act."

17                  ANN MCGEEHAN: I defer to you. That  
18 sounds right.

19                  REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: So of the  
20 \$2 million it is likely, once this bill is passed,  
21 that we can request that funds from the -- from the  
22 Help America Vote Act to be appropriated to spend  
23 additional monies as needed to train and get up to  
24 speed on the photo I.D.?

25                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Right. I mean, I

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1 guess, just to be clear, we already have drawn that  
2 money down based on our State plan.

3 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: We have it  
4 set up in our base budget that we started with that  
5 that Pitts (phonetic) laid out?

6 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: There's been  
8 a lot of conversation today about the 690,000 that  
9 we're talking about. And I know Representative  
10 Anchia mentioned to the 2.8 million or 5.2.

11 There's two sets of numbers we're working  
12 with, two universes. The first universe is  
13 registered voters that are from January 1st of 2006  
14 to December 31st, 2010. Correct?

15 ANN MCGEEHAN: Right.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: How many are  
17 in that universe?

18 ANN MCGEEHAN: Total of all?

19 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: In that 2000  
20 and -- January 1st, 2006 to December 31st, 2010.

21 ANN MCGEEHAN: I think the total --  
22 the amount of voters that were registered during  
23 that period is right under 4 million.

24 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: And those  
25 are voters that, one, have a driver's license or

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1 I.D.; that's about 2.3 million.

2 ANN MCGEEHAN: Right.

3 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Then there's  
4 voters that have registered with the last four of  
5 their Social Security number, which is about  
6 294,000.

7 ANN MCGEEHAN: Right.

8 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Then there's  
9 voters that registered with both, which is 1.3  
10 million. And then there's a number of people that  
11 registered that said they didn't have either.

12 ANN MCGEEHAN: Correct.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: No Social  
14 Security, no I.D., driver's license. So that's  
15 34,000.

16 Of that 3.9 million, that's .8 percent of  
17 that universe from January 1st until December 31st.  
18 Do I understand that correctly?

19 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes, that's correct.

20 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Okay. So  
21 now if we take all the statewide voters that are  
22 registered, all of them, even the ones prior to  
23 2006, which I would fall into that category, because  
24 I haven't changed my address and I still have my  
25 original voter registration that gets renewed every

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1 couple years, that I did not provide a Social  
2 Security last four or my I.D.

3 Of that number, how many do we have?

4 ANN MCGEEHAN: Of -- of that number  
5 we have 5.2 million that showed TDL I.D. We have  
6 2.1 million that have a -- a Social Security number  
7 on file. And then the number of voters that have  
8 both is 4.6 million.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Which totals  
10 in -- in the ones that have neither numbers?

11 ANN MCGEEHAN: One with neither is  
12 the 690,000 insuring 698,087.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: The total  
14 universes of registered voters that we have as the  
15 last numbers we've received is 12 million about  
16 655,000.

17 Now, of that 690,000 do we think all of  
18 those people don't have either Social Security, I.D.  
19 or driver's license?

20 ANN MCGEEHAN: I want to -- I want to  
21 be careful on that, because, you know, we -- we  
22 don't have direct evidence. But we can say that  
23 before 2006 it wasn't required. So presumably, if  
24 it wasn't required, people wouldn't give it.  
25 Doesn't mean they didn't have it.



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1 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: So  
2 presumably some of those 690,000 people have  
3 driver's license or I.D. cards or Social Securitys  
4 [sic], they just did not have to require it at the  
5 time?

6 ANN MCGEEHAN: I think that would be  
7 a fair statement.

8 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: All right.  
9 Another question about the fiscal note that we've  
10 talked about. Some of the counties attached, you  
11 know, small amounts of money that it would cost for  
12 their county. Aren't most -- how -- explain that to  
13 me. How can...

14 ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, I know on the  
15 Senate side there may have been some confusion  
16 regarding the voter registration certificate,  
17 because the bill requires that the new voter I.D.  
18 requirements appear on the back of the voter  
19 registration certificate. And I think that in  
20 conversations with some county officials they were  
21 thinking if you had to put it on the front of the  
22 certificate there wouldn't be space. So they  
23 thought the certificate might need to be increased  
24 in size, which would increase postage, but I don't  
25 think that's necessarily required. The bill doesn't

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1 say that. It just says that it goes directly on the  
2 certificate.

3 I think another cost -- Tarrant County, I  
4 think, had another cost for changing of the  
5 provisional ballot affidavit form, some cost for  
6 that.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Now, there's  
8 some assumptions that the Secretary of State  
9 typically doesn't do a lot of this work. But isn't  
10 it true that they already do a lot of the work for  
11 the training? So those can be absorbed as part of  
12 your normal expense of your budget.

13 ANN MCGEEHAN: Right, right. We  
14 would -- you know, after every session we normally  
15 have to revise our training materials.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: And can you  
17 talk just a little - and I'll quit so everyone else  
18 can ask their questions - but we've had some  
19 questions about different last names and different  
20 addresses.

21 What provisions will the Secretary of  
22 State make on that, and is there training done for  
23 that?

24 ANN MCGEEHAN: Currently, there's no  
25 training on that, because the law is silent on the

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1 issue of what happens if the names don't match. But  
2 the Senate Bill 14, the engrossed version and the  
3 Committee Substitute, contains some language about  
4 as long as the names are substantially similar. So  
5 our training would have to include some standards  
6 on, you know, what an election judge or clerk would  
7 need to look for and what would be considered  
8 substantially similar.

9 The addresses don't have to match right  
10 now. And that -- and that doesn't change under  
11 Senate Bill 14. You don't have to show, I don't  
12 believe, that the -- the addresses have to -- you --  
13 you're -- you have to ask every voter if they've  
14 moved, but they don't have to show their -- their  
15 identification doesn't have to show where they live.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: Thank you so  
17 much --

18 ANN MCGEEHAN: Sure.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HARLESS: -- for  
20 waiting all day and being patient.

21 ANN MCGEEHAN: You're welcome.

22 CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Representative  
23 Aliseda.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: What -- what  
25 is the current state or federal law for purging



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1 voter lists. Do you know?

2 ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes. That's covered  
3 under the National Voter Registration Act, and there  
4 are some requirements associated with that. For  
5 instance, you can't purge voters within so many days  
6 of a November general election. You can't purge  
7 voters if you suspect that they've moved until  
8 you've actually reached out to those voters and sent  
9 them a mailing. If they don't respond to that  
10 mailing, their name goes to an inactive list or what  
11 we call in Texas a suspect -- a suspense list. And  
12 they stay on that list for a period of two federal  
13 general elections. And if they don't vote or if  
14 they don't correspond or communicate with the Voter  
15 Registrar, their name would get purged on  
16 November 30th of the second federal election.

17 REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: Well, I'm  
18 trying to understand how that particular law  
19 interfaces with individuals who do not have an  
20 identification of some sort. You stated that since  
21 2006 we have 34,000 of those individuals that have  
22 indicated they don't have any form of  
23 identification, but prior to 2006, we had an  
24 additional 600,000 that didn't have to provide that  
25 information.



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1                   So when would this purging require some  
2                   kind of follow-up on identification?

3                   ANN MCGEEHAN: Well, I don't --  
4                   nothing -- there's nothing in the State law or -- or  
5                   the federal law or this bill that would require  
6                   somebody that registered to vote before 2006 to now  
7                   provide a driver's license number or Social Security  
8                   number. When they present themselves for voting  
9                   they're going to have to show a photo I.D. But they  
10                  won't be required to provide that data to the Voter  
11                  Registrar.

12                  REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: As far as  
13                  the cost of education on this issue, does the State  
14                  allow for public service announcements by  
15                  broadcasting companies that have -- have --  
16                  frequently do some kind of voter -- voter education?

17                  ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes. We definitely  
18                  try to make full use of that with our PSAs.

19                  REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: But it's not  
20                  figured into that two million or the --

21                  ANN MCGEEHAN: No, no. That would  
22                  be --

23                  REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: -- 20  
24                  million or whatever it is you say we spend on  
25                  education?

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1                   ANN MCGEEHAN: Right. I mean, that's  
2 something that we look for, but we'll probably go  
3 out on bid to -- to -- for a company to help us form  
4 this education program. And that's something we  
5 look at is what companies can promise that earned  
6 media so that we only pay for this much, but then we  
7 get it aired more times --

8                   REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: Are these  
9 hearings earned media in a sense in that we have  
10 some public interest in this and I assume people are  
11 following it?

12                  UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE: We  
13 shouldn't flatter ourselves.

14                  REPRESENTATIVE ALISEDA: No further  
15 questions.

16                  CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Representative  
17 Anchia, do you have more questions?

18                  REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Just a couple  
19 more, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

20                  CHAIRMAN BONNEN: Take your time. I  
21 just --

22                  REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I appreciate  
23 that. I appreciate that.

24                  The statement was made earlier in that  
25 600,000-people universe that -- that there were --

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1           that that equaled fraudulent voters. Do you share  
2           that belief?

3           ANN MCGEEHAN: I have no reason to  
4           think that those voters are fraudulent.

5           REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay. Okay.  
6           What happens to the voter registration certificate  
7           if this bill's passed in its current form?

8           ANN MCGEEHAN: It continues to exist,  
9           and so it will be sent out and it will now contain  
10          information on the identification requirements. And  
11          then voters who are 70 -- 70 as of January 2012 and  
12          the voters that have the disability exemption, they  
13          will be able to use their certificate as their forms  
14          of I.D.

15           REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay. But it  
16          will be sent to all registered voters. Right?

17           ANN MCGEEHAN: Yes.

18           REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: We have  
19          13 million, roughly, 12 --

20           ANN MCGEEHAN: A little under  
21          13 million today.

22           REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: 12.6, 12.6?

23           ANN MCGEEHAN: Yeah. Yeah.

24           REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: What --  
25          what -- what other functional purpose would it